HELP PEOPLE DISCOVER LIFE IN CHRIST • PRAY

KEY LESSONS SO FAR

- When God sees a need, he moves a person.
- Days of darkness don't mean God has failed.
- If God has saved you, don't ever forget how, and don't ever go back.
- God leads us through discomfort to make his power personal.

TRANSITION: TEN COMMANDMENTS & NEW MINDSET FOR THEM AND US

NEW MINDSET

Arrival at Sinai (Exodus 19:1-2)

SINAI = HOREB

(either the region or the mountain)

MAJOR METAPHOR THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE • MOSES IS GOING TO GO UP AND DOWN MANY TIMES!

Introducing the Covenant (Exodus 19:3-6)

REMEMBER THE COVENANT HE MADE WITH NOAH & ABRAHAM, ETC. / THIS IS FULL HITTITE COV. Three components (used here):

- 1. Recognition of the **KING** and what he's **DONE**.
- 2. **STIPULATIONS** governing relationship.
- 3. PROMISES of blessing.

CURSES AREN'T HERE • COMMENT ON OBEDIENCE AS THE RESPONSE NOT THE REASON

- They will be **TREASURED**.
- They will fulfill a divine **PURPOSE**.

 KINGDOMS ARE OF KINGS / NATIONS ARE OF GOVERNMENTS GOD WANTS REPRESENTATIVES

 GENESIS 1:27 GENESIS 12:2 THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN GOD'S PLAN. REPRESENTATIVES.

The People Respond (Exodus 19:7-8)

EASY TO MAKE COMMITMENTS, BUT HARD TO KEEP!

God Shows Up (Exodus 19:9-19)

9 THE PURPOSE • 10-11 THE PREPARATION // JEN'S BUSINESS TRIP?
12-13 FIRST APPARENTLY ARBITRARY LAW → DEEPER REASON
14-15 COMMENT ON SEX (ABSTINENCE IS SHORT-LIVED AND PURPOSEFUL) • 16-19

A Final Warning (Exodus 19:20-25)

MOSES GOES UP AND GOD SAYS GO DOWN // FORCE AND BREAK OUT // MOSES' NAIVE ILL: FILLING PAUL'S ROOM WITH NEWSPAPER, HE FORCED HIS WAY IN, AND IT ALL BROKE OUT $\sim\sim$ THE LIMITS AREN'T TO PROTECT GOD FROM THE PEOPLE, BUT TO PROTECT THEM FROM HIM! $\sim\sim$

The Covenant Core (Exodus 20:1-21)

GOD SPEAKS TO EVERYONE! CONSIDER 18-19

PROLOGUE (1-2)

WHO IS GOD AND WHAT HE'S DONE • ANALYZE THE PHRASES

This covenant is between people and the **SUPREME**,

GRACIOUS, Personal, **FREEDOM**-Giving God.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS / COVENANT STIPULATIONS ARE ALL ABOUT THAT.

THE TEN STIPULATIONS / COMMANDMENTS (3-17)

- 1. No other gods before me. (I must be **NUMBER ONE**).
- 2. No substitutes for me. (I am **PERSONAL ONLY**.)
- 3. No **VAIN** associations. (I determine my own **AGENDA**.)
- 4. Sabbath: No workaholics. (I am in charge even of **DAILY** life.)
- 5. Honor parents. (I want to protect and **EXTEND** your life in the land.)
- 6. Don't murder. (I want to protect people's **LIVES**.)
- 7. Don't commit adultery. (I want to protect **LOVE** and **SEX**.)
- 8. Don't steal. (I want to protect people's **STUFF**.)
- 9. Don't give false testimony. (I want to protect **REPUTATIONS**.)
- 10.Don't covet. (I want your **HEART** to be **FREE**.)

 THEY ARE ABOUT GOD'S SUPREMACY, BUT THEY ARE ALSO ABOUT OUR JOY!

THE RESPONSE (18-21)

FEAR IS THE RIGHT RESPONSE

THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT GOD PREDICTED... I'LL COME DOWN SO THEY TRUST YOU!

The Secret in Plain Sight

THIS LAST BIT RE-EMPHASIZES A LARGER POINT THAT HAS BEEN MADE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE BIBLE AND ESPECIALLY THROUGHOUT OUR PASSAGE TODAY

• KINGDOM OF PRIESTS, MOSES UP AND DOWN, THE BOUNDARY •

God always works his **COVENANT**

through a MEDIATOR.

GOD IS TOO SCARY • MOSES WAS THAT FOR THE PEOPLE • THEY WERE IT FOR THE WORLD! HEBREWS 9:15 • 2 CORINTHIANS 5:20

TAKE IT HOME

- Embrace the **MEDIATOR**
- Embrace the COVENANT.
- Be a **M E D I A T O R** yourself.